FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 2951 – HB 3064

May 15, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (016262, 018676): Amendment 016262 deletes subsection (b) of proposed Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-68-103 of the original bill and replaces it with language requiring the Attorney General and all appropriate state and local law enforcement agencies to vigorously pursue all federal funds available for reimbursement of funds spent on enforcement of immigration laws. Prohibits local governments violating provisions of the bill from receiving financial assistance through grants from the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Amendment 018676 adds language to the amended version of the bill prohibiting any provision of state or federal law authorizing health care or protecting the health, safety or welfare of any individual from being modified, abrogated, repealed or superseded by the provisions of this bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact – An increase in revenue to the state and local governments due to increased federal funds for reimbursement of immigration expenditures. It is unknown how much assistance is available that is currently not received by state or local governments. Therefore, the magnitude of such increase cannot reasonably be quantified. Any decrease in state expenditures due to the potential restrictions on grants to local governments cannot reasonably be quantified because it is unknown how many local governments will not comply with the provisions of the bill and how much these local governments would have received in grant funds in the absence of this bill.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - An increase in revenue to the state and local governments due to increased federal funds for reimbursement of immigration expenditures. It is unknown how much assistance is available that is currently not received by state or local governments. Therefore, the magnitude of such increase cannot reasonably be quantified. Any decrease in state expenditures due to the potential restrictions on grants to local governments cannot reasonably be quantified because it is unknown how many local governments will not comply with the provisions of the bill and how much these local governments would have received in grant funds in the absence of this bill.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Any increase in state expenditures to comply with the provisions of the bill is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local expenditures to comply with the provisions of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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